



It's All About Families

WIC Family Centered Education

July 2002 Newsletter

Conference **June 17-19, 2002** **Mercy Retreat Center**

So glad all of you could join us for this conference to kickoff a statewide pilot of Family Centered Education. Conference! Almost fifty educators attended from 19 local agencies and the Branch. We spent two evenings and two very full days learning about family centered education and practicing the lesson plans. Are we ever ready for our summer pilot!

Here are some highlights:

- Vegetable puppet making with Esther Vasquez, UHSJ
- Affirming statements for each stage of life
- "Somos los ninos" with Music Mike
- Wordless book making
- Happy voices...quiet voices
- A Day in the Life of a Toddler
- Martina (alias Gauri Rao) and her vestido
- Hiking and "wind tunnels"
- Teach backs and Jumping Jamal
- Lots of free stuff!
- All of you.

Resources Coming

- Template for vegetable puppets (thanks to Esther)
- Spanish Translations for Handouts thanks to Yolo and SDSU
- \$ Special funding for FFY2002 for pilot agencies (more information coming soon...)

Conference Call

Check out what your FCE community is doing...call in for these conference calls!

Dates:

- Monday July 29 4-5 PM
- Wednesday July 31 8-9 AM
- Thursday September 5 4-5 PM
- Friday September 6 8-9 AM

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Agenda for first two calls:

- Sharing (something funny or surprising or anything you like)
- Idea exchange (what's worked well for you)
- Special challenges

If you can't attend, please email me (Heather) with anything you would like to share with others.

Please contact us any time!

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